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In the application of:

Seiji HARADA

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METHOD, PRINTING PROGRAM AND  
COMPUTER-READABLE  
RECORDING MEDIUM ON WHICH  
THE PROGRAM IS RECORDED

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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